

✓ 2. (Thrice Amended) The disc drive assembly of claim 1, wherein the disc drive housing has a 3½ inch configuration and each of the recording discs is a magnetic recording disc that has a diameter that is smaller than the standard configuration of 95 mm.

✓ 3. (Thrice Amended) A disc drive assembly including:
a disc drive housing comprising a standard configuration;
means for stacking and rotating a plurality of rigid recording discs within the housing, each disc having at least one recording surface and having a diameter smaller than the diameter of a rigid disc associated with the standard configuration, the number of discs within the housing being greater than the number of discs ordinarily contained in the standard configuration;
a plurality of transducers, each associated with a recording surface of one of the discs; and
actuator means supporting the plurality of transducers for positioning each transducer adjacent a respective surface of a disc.

✓ 4. (Thrice Amended) The disc drive assembly of claim 3, wherein the disc drive housing has a 3½ inch configuration and each of the recording discs is a magnetic recording disc that has a diameter that is smaller than the standard configuration of 95 mm.

✓ 5. (Twice Amended) The disc drive assembly of claim 1, wherein each of the recording discs is a magnetic recording disc and the stack of discs are mounted to a spindle motor for operational rotation at 10,000 rpm.

EJ 6. The disc drive assembly of claim 2, wherein each of the magnetic recording discs has a diameter of 84 mm.

EJ C55 7. (Twice Amended) The disc drive assembly of claim 2, wherein the stack of discs are mounted to a spindle motor for operational rotation at 10,000 rpm.

EJ C61M 11. (Twice Amended) The disc drive assembly of claim 2, wherein the disc drive housing has a 3½ inch low-profile configuration and the stack of magnetic recording discs comprises six magnetic recording discs within the housing which is greater than the number of discs of the standard configuration of five discs.

12. The disc drive assembly of claim 11, wherein each of the magnetic recording discs has a diameter of 84 mm.

EJ C74 13. (Twice Amended) The disc drive assembly of claim 3, wherein the recording discs are magnetic recording discs and the means for stacking and rotating includes a spindle motor supporting the plurality of discs for operational rotation at 10,000 rpm.

14. The disc drive assembly of claim 4, wherein each of the magnetic recording discs has a diameter of 84 mm.

EJ C85 18. (Twice Amended) The disc drive assembly of claim 4, wherein the disc drive housing has a standard 3½ inch low-profile configuration and the number of magnetic recording discs in the housing is six which is greater than the number of discs of the standard configuration of five discs.

19. The disc drive assembly of claim 18, wherein each of the magnetic recording discs has a diameter of 84 mm.